

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 JEFFREY E. WALKER,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MINA BESHARA, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

16 Case No. 1:20-cv-01050-JDP

17 ORDER GRANTING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR MISCELLANEOUS RELIEF

18 ECF No. 6

ORDER THAT THE CLERK'S OFFICE
FORWARD THIS ORDER AND PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO THE LITIGATION
COORDINATOR AT COALINGA STATE
HOSPITAL

19 Plaintiff Jeffrey E. Walker is a civil detainee proceeding without counsel in this action
20 under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On August 14, 2020, plaintiff filed a motion for miscellaneous relief,
21 arguing that he has insufficient access to basic legal materials, and asking that the court notify his
22 institution that he is engaged in litigation. ECF No. 6. Generally, this court does not have the
23 power to bind third parties that are not before it, or provide legal research or related materials to a
24 plaintiff. To the extent plaintiff is requesting those things from the court, his motion is denied.
25 However, the court orders that the clerk's office forward this order and plaintiff's request to the
26 litigation coordinator at Coalinga State Hospital. The court can confirm that plaintiff is engaged
27 in ongoing litigation, and requests that that the litigation coordinator work with plaintiff to
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1 accommodate his needs in this case. In addition, the court notes that the denial of access to
2 certain legal materials may itself create a constitutional issue. *See Bounds v. Smith*, 430 U.S. 817,
3 828 (1977) (“[T]he fundamental constitutional right of access to the courts requires prison
4 authorities to assist inmates in the preparation and filing of meaningful legal papers by providing
5 prisoners with adequate law libraries or adequate assistance from persons trained in the law.”).

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 Dated: August 21, 2020


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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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